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*ANNUAL REPORT*

OF THE

Selectmen, Board of Education

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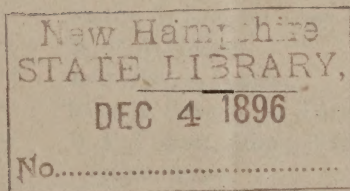
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

— OF THE —

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1874.



TILTON, N. H. :  
CHAS. F. HILL, MERCANTILE POWER PRINTER, AND STATIONER.



# REPORT.

Account of Money furnished F. J. Eastman, Town Treasurer, for the year ending March 1, 1874.

1873.

Mar. 15.	Rec'd of former Treasurer,	\$1,191 29
27.	" John Evans, pension,	24 00
29.	" Wm. H. Clough, on Town's note,	400 00
Apr. 10.	" H. Cilley, taxes for 1872,	170 00
26.	" Noyes & Thorp, over-paid on bill,	1 46
May 16.	" C. M. Lambert, on Town's note,	100 00
	" Caroline Blake, " " "	198 27
	" John Evans, pension,	24 00
17.	" Fidelia Foss, on Town's note,	305 62
24.	" Sarah A. Hill, on Town bond,	100 40
26.	" Chase W. Colby, " "	703 00
June 21.	" A. L. Titcomb, on Town's note,	1,192 00
25.	" M. Moore, taxes for 1871,	27 77
July 11.	" Martha A. Cofran, on Town bonds,	804 40
	" John Evans, pension,	24 00
Aug. 9.	" Sophia Whicher, on Town's note.	100 00
16.	" Statira Collins, on Town bonds,	1,017 50
	" M. P. Whidden, " "	508 75
Sept. 22.	" John Evans, pension,	24 00
24.	" Eliza S. Savory, on Town's note,	1,133 74
27.	" B. F. Cofran, Adm'r. Peter Smart's estate. taxes,	18 98
Oct. 17.	" Hiram Cilley, on Town's note,	150 00
18.	" Thos. Keniston, " bond,	102 80
	" A. Slader, rent of land,	25 00



Nov. 1.	Rec'd of State Treasurer, railroad tax,	\$312 58
"	" " savings bank tax,	556 34
"	" " literary fund,	59 04
"	Randall girls, on Town bonds,	515 00
3.	" W. H. Smith, for old bridge lumber,	12 25
15.	" A. A. Gorrell, Ex'r, on Town's note,	500 00
Dec. 1.	" Benj. Haines, on Town bonds,	207 00
1874.		
Jan. 12.	" Laura W. Clark, on Town bonds,	312 50
Feb. 5.	" County, for paupers,	494 64
"	" State Treasurer, bounties from U. S.,	60 00
14.	" Mudgett, on order to Jenness,	6 02
28.	" Albert A. Gorrell, Guardian, on Town bonds,	525 00
"	" John Evans, pension,	24 00
"	" Harriet Brown, on Town note,	68 03
"	" " " bonds,	1,365 00
"	" Wm. C. French, " "	210 00
Mar. 1.	" Hiram Cilley, taxes of 1872.	60 14
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		\$13,634 52

Orders given on Town Treasurer to pay Notes and  
Interest for the year ending March 1, 1874.

1873.		
Mar. 7.	To pay Mary Kenerson, note,	\$60 27
Apr. 22.	" John Hill, endorsement,	60 00
May 3.	" R. S. Whicher, Guar., endorsement,	27 00
6.	" Caroline Blake, " "	41 93
14.	" Hannah H. Glines, " "	200 00
16.	" Caroline Blake, 2 notes renewed,	298 27
17.	" Fidelia Foss, " "	305 62
24.	" Sarah A. Hill, note,	71 32
June 21.	" A. L. Titcomb, note p'd and renewed,	1,503 69

June 30.	To pay Mary W. Gile, note,	\$72 93
	“ Hiram Cross, “	431 40
July 5.	“ Ellen F. Eastman, end. on note,	50 00
29.	“ R. S. Whicher, Guar., endorsement,	31 00
Aug. 3	“ Mary P. Whidden, interest,	30 00
9.	“ Sophia Whicher, note p'd and renewed,	264 36
15.	“ Ella A. Brown, note,	162 78
	“ Betsey K. Colby, 2 “	569 28
16.	“ Mary P. Whidden, “	501 08
	“ Statira Collins, “	1,074 80
Sept. 2.	“ Sally Cross, “	174 38
22.	“ Harriet Brown, “	56 75
24.	“ Eliza S. Savory, “ renewed	1,133 74
Oct. 6.	“ John Hill, endorsement,	65 00
17.	“ Ellen F. Eastman, “	50 00
18.	“ Thos. Keniston, note,	114 58
21.	“ James M. Clough, interest,	18 00
Nov. 1.	“ Randall girls, note,	481 25
6.	“ R. S. Whicher, “	37 67
	“ “ Guar., endorsement,	32 00
Dec. 9.	“ Lyman Brown, note,	549 17
12.	“ Mary S. Plumer, endorsement,	30 00
1874.		
Jan. 9.	“ Anna W. Glines, “	20 00
27.	“ C. M. Lambert, “	20 00
30.	“ R. S. Whicher, Guar., “	30 00
31.	“ Ruama Copp, note,	286 00
Feb. 13.	“ Susan Burleigh's note,	197 95
16.	“ Mary C. Bean, interest,	8 90
18.	“ Eliza S. Savory, note,	1,160 95
27.	“ Hannah S. French, end. on note,	50 00
28.	“ Albert A. Gorrell, Executor, “	508 58
	“ Harriet Brown, 2 notes,	1,394 04
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		\$12,174 69

## Orders given on Town Treasurer to pay Pauper Bills.

1873.

To pay Susan Dow, 8 weeks board, John Evans,	\$28 35
“ Miss Ryan, for work at Jenkins’	5 00
“ Benj. Haines, 19 $\frac{5}{7}$ weeks board of Nudd boy,	19 83
“ C. O. Hunter, coffin for A. Nudd,	6 50
“ Hannah Page, robe for A. Nudd,	2 00
“ J. H. Leavitt, &c., for Jenness,	1 00
“ S. C. Sewall, digging grave for A. Nudd,	2 00
“ John Evans, expense to visit his friends,	4 00
“ Mrs. John Arlin, 11 weeks board J. Evans,	38 50
“ John Jenkins, expense in moving,	20 00
“ Eastman & Taylor, for Foss, Jenness, Keniston, &c.,	90 95
“ Mrs. Lord, 10 $\frac{5}{7}$ weeks board J. Evans,	37 50
“ Jas. F. Glines, on acct. of Mrs. Dolloff’s board,	60 00
“ S. Shaw, moving, etc., for Foss,	4 00
“ Mrs. Clay, 4 weeks board of Geo. Sherwood,	14 00
“ H. K. Thompson, coffin and robe for Mrs. Arlin,	9 00
“ J. L. Hodgdon, digging grave, “ “	3 00
“ A. Barnes, teams to funeral, “ “	5 00
“ W. H. Jones, attending funeral, “ “	
and A. Nudd,	2 00
“ J. L. Coffin, keeping man,	1 50
“ Kemp, Woodbury & Co., for Jenness, etc.,	68 50
“ Hill & Philbrick, Jenkins and M. A. Hoyt,	53 86
“ Daniel Dearborn, house rent for Jenness,	11 33
“ J. C. Dinsmore, for J. Evans,	1 50
“ A. C. Lord, carrying Evans to County Farm,	2 00
“ W. C. French, for Keniston and Braley,	79 82
“ T. L. Morrison, work before, and at Mrs. Arlin’s death,	1 50
“ H. Cilley, Hazen Dearborn’s tax,	3 88
“ Daniel M. Huse, 1 year support of Geo. Bean,	13 00
“ Town Clerk of Jefferson,	1 00
“ Benj. Collins, affidavit, case Mrs. Arlin,	50



To pay C. R. Gould, medical services,	\$86 33
" B. F. Cofran, meat for Jenness,	2 39
" Condon & Lang, pair shoes, Mrs. Foss,	1 00
" J. F. Taylor, " Mr. Foss,	2 25
" Thorp & Tilton, medicine, etc.,	7 78
" Kemp, Woodbury & Co., for Col. Foss, etc.,	3 89
" Jas. F. Glines, bal. for the year, Mrs. Dolloff's board,	111 00
" Noyes & Thorp, stove and funnel for Col. Foss,	2 68
" Polly Keniston, 25 weeks board Col. Foss & wife,	75 00
" Josiah H. Philbrick, house rent for Foss,	7 00
" E. Thurston, for Foss,	3 45
" Hill & Philbrick, for Foss,	12 36
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	\$906 15

Orders given on Town Treasurer, to pay Repairs on Roads and  
Bridges.

To pay Jas. N. Forrest, breaking roads,	\$4 00
" John G. Brown, " "	1 50
" David Brown, " "	3 50
" John A. Kimball, " "	1 50
" Smith W. Glines, " "	3 50
" Joseph D. Rand, " "	4 00
" Wm. G. Hannaford, work on road,	1 50
" David Davis, " "	4 80
" L. M. French, breaking roads,	4 00
" E. O. Downing, " "	1 00
" Chas. H. Robertson, " "	19 27
" John Brown, " "	2 00
" R. S. Whicher, " "	4 75
" N. P. Philbrook, " "	2 00
" S. Dixon, surveying street,	3 00
" George E. Davis, work on road,	4 50
" David Brown, " "	19 74

To pay W. T. Bartlett, work on road,	\$3 30
“ Absalom Dalton, “ “	5 00
“ David Keasor, “ bridge,	13 50
“ John M. Whitcher, breaking road,	10 00
“ Joseph Ayers, “ “	3 00
“ Eben B. Calef, work on road,	3 50
“ S. H. Williams, work on bridge,	23 25
“ Jos. P. Dearborn, on account for lumber,	202 40
“ D. Brown, work on road,	1 50
“ Eastman & Taylor, for nails, etc.,	2 05
“ A. M. Riley, work on road,	3 75
“ H. Bean, material for road, etc.,	5 54
“ Jos. P. Dearborn, on account for lumber,	100 00
“ John S. Winslow, covering stone, etc.,	6 00
“ Wm. G. Hannaford, breaking roads,	25 88
“ John P. Watson, work on “	6 00
“ C. W. Whitcher, “ “	3 00
“ John L. Hodgdon, “ “	11 00
“ J. M. Johnson, “ bridge,	16 87
“ Town of Tilton, painting bridge,	20 58
“ Daniel M. Huse, breaking roads,	7 00
“ R. R. Hutchins, “ “	4 50
“ M. Moore, “ “	20 00
“ Eben B. Calef, work on road,	1 75
“ Otis C. Wyatt, “ “	2 10
“ Brown & Simonds, lumber bill,	24 57
“ Thos. Fellows, breaking roads, etc.,	13 00
“ Jeremiah W. Austin, work on roads,	7 35
“ John S. Winslow, “ “	8 45
“ Isaac Whittier, breaking roads,	4 00
“ Daniel M. Page, land damage for street,	15 00
“ Joseph P. Dearborn, lumber bill, etc.,	45 53
“ George M. Riley, work on road,	40 00
“ Wm. C. French, “ “	12 62
“ Leonard Gerrish, breaking “	6 25



To pay Daniel J. Cross, work on road,	\$28 74
“ Geo. E. Davis, “ “ etc.,	5 57
“ Almon Slader, “ “	6 55
“ A. L. Titcomb, breaking “	75
“ E. O. Downing, “ “	1 25
“ John A. Hannaford, “ “	11 70
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	\$817 36

### Orders given on Town Treasurer to pay Current Expenses.

To pay H. Bean and A. S. Ballantyne, Auditors,	\$4 00
Joseph D. Rand, sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
Charles F. Hill, printing reports and orders,	37 75
B. W. Sanborn & Co., stationery &c.,	6 65
Noyes & Thorp, stove, funnel, &c.,	54 30
R. S. Perkins, insurance policy on Town House,	24 00
C. J. Lougee, painting Town House,	6 00
B. F. Cofran, furniture, “	4 50
C. C. Rogers, in Evans case,	1 00
Cole Manufacturing Co., bars for safe,	28 92
J. W. Wells, for surveying,	50
Charles F. Hill, printing Town Bonds and Tax Receipts,	39 25
Clark & Haines, doors, &c., for safe,	62 73
C. J. Wallace, cementing Town House,	18 20
John M. Witcher, work and material for safe,	121 47
E. L. Sanborn, plastering and cementing safe,	4 25
Eastman & Taylor, hooks &c., Town House,	1 08
Charles F. Hill, record book, for town,	6 25
J. W. Hunkins, parsonage money,	5 50
A. Fletcher, “ “	5 50
Robert Smith, “ “	5 50
A. P. Cate, “ “	5 50
D. M. Page, work, materials, &c., Town House,	47 75
J. F. Taylor, bricks for safe,	12 35

To pay Charles F. Hill, table for Town House,	\$ 4 75
C. B. Garmon, for                   “	14 40
J. C. Dinsmore, &c., sawing wood,	82
B. W. Sanborn & Co., check lists, &c.,	60
W. Smith Hill, foundation for safe, &c.,	43 00
C. H. Robertson, Superintending School Com- mittee,	40 00
F. J. Eastman, services as Town Treasurer,	40 00
H. Cilley, Collector, for John Keniston's tax,	5 85
Kemp, Woodbury & Co., padlock and nails,	3 36
George M. Riley, services as Selectman,	22 00
Asa P. Cate, legal services,	5 00
W. C. French, services as Selectman,	7 00
“           “           supporting water-trough,	3 00
H. Cilley, care of Town House, &c.,	6 00
F. R. Chase, legal advice,	15 00
Daniel Sanborn, Jr., services as Selectman,	50 00
Benj. F. Cofran,                   “           “	75 00
“           “           Overseer of Poor,	30 00
“           “           Board of Selectmen,	9 00
“           “           Money paid out,	12 50
“           “           Paid for Stamps,	2 75
Hill & Philbrick, wood, &c.,	4 53
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	\$901 51

### Orders given on Town Treasurer to pay School Money.

To pay Wm. C. French,   District No. 7,	\$73 30
Wm. G. Hannaford,       “       “   5,	99 22
Smith W. Glines,       “       “   2,	117 12
Joseph D. Rand,       “       “   4,	85 06
Morrill Moore,       “       “   11,	36 65
Oscar P. Sanborn,       “       “   1,	89 98
Peter Gile,           “       “   3,	57 50

To pay T. C. Pratt, Union District No. 1,	\$ 238 17
Geo. F. Weeks, " " 6,	59 00
A. H. Tebbetts, " " 8,	41 11
James Lyford, Marden Settlement,	9 60
Isaiah Akeley, Fellows Settlement,	8 82
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	\$915 53

### Orders given on the Town Treasurer to pay Out-standing Bills.

To pay John K. Davis, on account small pox,	\$ 5 00
Eastman & Co., 4 term fees in Wyatt road case,	32 00
A. H. Tebbetts, school money, 1872,	48 21
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	\$85 21

### Notes, and Amount due from the Town, March 1, 1874.

Hannah S. French,	\$175 06
Sarah P. Comerford,	98 53
Samuel Wyatt,	312 15
Albert A. Gorrell,	731 06
William H. Plummer,	144 74
Cynthia Hancock,	98 34
Mary D. Way,	656 35
Cynthia A. Hill,	165 76
Chase W. Colby,	943 82
Mary Clough,	1,459 30
James M. Clough,	310 00
Moses Bachelder,	111 53
Dorothy E. Hill,	191 45
Hannah H. Glines,	124 67
Mary S. Plummer,	265 84



Mary Bailey,	\$ 153 00
John E. Forrest,	287 05
Mehitable Lyford,	1,268 10
B. A. Winslow,	149 04
R. S. Whicher,	298 41
E. S. Wadleigh,	259 99
Anna W. Glines,	330 66
Olive Hutchins,	68 17
Levira Streeter,	285 63
Charles G. Smith,	136 42
Obadiah Glines,	271 63
Fanny Smith,	262 15
Sarah A. Hill,	80 88
R. S. Whicher, Guardian,	638 98
Joseph C. Wyatt,	351 15
Mary C. Brown,	261 32
Sarah A. Hill,	77 25
Rhoda Clark,	84 05
Malinda Hoagûe,	180 93
R. S. Whicher,	101 00
William P. Whidden,	250 83
Phebe S. Cofran,	252 23
Ellen F. Eastman,	2,148 68
Sarah G. Abbott,	153 64
David Brown,	1,066 10
Mrs. Sarah A. Hill,	170 95
Samuel Wyatt,	108 80
Melinda Hoague,	175 32
Lizzie M. French,	259 78
Sarah G. Abbott,	178 65
Joseph C. Wyatt,	118 66
Mary W. Gile,	129 86
Albert A. Gorrill,	631 37
John Hill,	39 96
William C. French,	149 51

W. Smith Hill,	\$ 729 82
William H. Plummer,	334 48
R. S. Whicher,	444 00
John Brown,	55 27
R. R. Hutchins,	110 16
Mary C. Bean,	100 00
David Brown,	217 77
Joseph C. Wyatt,	141 30
Daniel M. Huse,	212 95
Martha J. Dearborn,	306 05
William H. Clough,	422 13
Caroline Blake,	207 69
Fidelia Foss,	320 09
A. L. Titcomb,	1,141 60
Sophia Whicher,	103 37
Hiram Cilley,	153 35
C. M. Lambert,	84 64
Harriet Brown,	68 03
Total,	<hr/> \$ 22,419 45

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Statement of H. Cilley's Account as Collector, for 1873-4.

Whole amount committed,	\$ 6,252 74
Interest collected,	15 87
	<hr/> \$ 6,268 61
Abatements,	\$ 41 94
Uncollected,	255 81
Highway Receipts,	50 28
Abatements and Errors,	22 29
Collector's Fees,	78 36
Paid Deputy Secretary,	7 00
“ Town Treasurer,	5,812 93
	<hr/> \$ 6,268 61

There was reported last year as uncollected on

H. Cilley's book,		\$ 239 32
Paid to the Town Treasurer,	230 14	
Uncollected,	9 18	
	<hr/>	\$ 239 32

*Respectfully submitted,*

BENJAMIN F. COFRAN,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Northfield.</i>
DANIEL SANBORN, JR.,	
GEORGE M. RILEY,	

## Auditors' Report.

We, the subscribers, having examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and of the Treasurer, for the year 1873-4, respectfully submit that we find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

The following we submit as a brief statement of the financial condition of the Town.

The Selectmen charge themselves with having received	
the balance as per last Report, of	\$1,191 29
Also, with having received from other sources as per	
the account thereof, of	12,443 23
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	\$13,634 52
Less certain notes, renewed, of A. L. Titcomb, and	
others, amounting to	3,190 66
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	\$10,443 86
Which they delivered to the Treasurer, as will appear by his account.	

## Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer charges himself with having received	
of the Selectmen, as per above,	\$10,443 86
From H. Cilley, collector for 1873,	5,812 93
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	\$16,256 79



*We also find that the Treasurer discharges himself as follows, to wit:*

By Paid Notes and Interest,	\$9,077 02
“ Coupons,	93 00
“ Current expenses,	3,212 72
“ School Money,	963 74
“ Out-standing Bills,	66 81
“ Roads and bridges,	665 31
“ Pauper Bills,	899 16
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	\$14,977 76
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$1,279 03
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	\$16,256 79

#### Indebtedness.

Amount due on Notes,	\$22,419 45
“ “ Bonds,	6,200 00
School District No. 9, school money,	69 50
Dog tax, for 1872-3,	78 00
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	\$28,766 95

#### Available Means.

Balance in hands of Treasurer,	1,279 03
Taxes of 1873, estimated good,	200 00
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	\$1,479 03
Due from the Town,	\$27,287 92

It may be proper to report that the Selectmen and Treasurer's accounts, in their items, are not classed alike, but agree in the aggregate, or amount.

ASA P. CATE,  
JAMES N. FORREST, } *Auditors.*

Northfield, Mar. 3, 1874.



*Report of the*

# BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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We have visited the schools at the beginning of each term, at intervals during its continuance, and at the close. The two departments have each been in session thirty-five weeks, or three terms of nearly equal length. Miss Lizzie A. Chase has been teaching in the Primary department. The whole number of her pupils has varied from fifty-one to seventy. The largest number was present in the Autumn, and was too great both for the room and teacher. Through the last term the school has not been crowded.

This department has been under good discipline; the pupils have been stimulated to earnest endeavor. The teacher evidently believes in the expansibility of the youthful mind. Instead of cherishing the error that children are like measures, into which knowledge can be poured, she regards them as living souls with wonderful capacities for enlargement; and she possesses the rare talent of developing native power in such a manner as to win their regard and confidence. As a natural result, this department is in a prosperous condition.

The Grammar School was conducted by Miss Sarah P. Comerford the first twelve weeks, and by Miss Ellen F. Goodwin the remaining twenty-three. A large class came from the Primary into this room at the beginning of the Fall term, and inasmuch as the new comers had been well drilled, this department gained by their coming. Kind and pleasant relations have existed between teacher and pupils. The teacher has secured good order without severe measures, and has labored with commendable diligence. Her "Roll of Honor" is an indication of constant attend-



ance and good deportment, on the part of several pupils, while others were not far behind. Her goodness of heart often led her to assist her pupils too much in recitation. It would have been better to have thrown them upon their own resources, and thus developed more self-reliance. Notwithstanding this draw-back the school has been well instructed, and receives our approbation.

The temperature of the school room has not been as comfortable on some days as it should have been, but we hope that practice in tending the furnace will result in a warmer room in the future.

Your Committee were glad to see so many of the District present at the closing examination. It would be better, still, for both teachers and pupils, if visitors would come in often during the progress of the school.

We also remind you that sixteen months ago we had on hand an accumulation of school money, amounting to several hundred dollars. This has been nearly all expended. An additional appropriation, by *the District*, will be needed the coming year, or the school will be taught only two terms instead of three. It would be bad to shorten the school year a whole term.

J. B. ROBINSON,	} <i>Board</i>
M. A. HERRICK,	
T. C. PRATT,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Education.</i>

Northfield, N. H., March 3, 1874.

## REPORT OF

# Superintending School Committee.

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FELLOW CITIZENS :—

The schools of the town, during the past year, have been marked with as full a degree of success as is usually attained in country schools. The teachers employed, with few exceptions, have been teachers of experience, and well qualified for the positions they have assumed. There has been no instance of failure, though there have been degrees of excellence. Yet there is much room for improvement, especially in our duties as parents.

I find, by referring to the registers, that there are three hundred and ninety-two instances of tardiness recorded, and only twenty-eight pupils (including both terms) that were not absent one-half day. Now many of these, undoubtedly, had a good reason for being late, or absent ; but is it not too much to believe, that even a majority were necessarily so? I think, that as a rule, we attach far too little importance to the prompt, regular attendance of our children at school. This habit is exceedingly annoying to the teacher ; interrupting and disturbing the classes, and is fraught with great mischief to the school.

I wish to call your attention to an Act of Legislature, entitled : “An Act enabling Towns to abolish school districts, in certain cases.” It must be apparent to every intelligent observer, that the money appropriated for schools in this town, is expended to a great disadvantage. In District No. 1, the average attendance

was only a fraction over fourteen; in No. 2, twelve; No. 3, eight; No. 4, ten; No. 6, five; No. 7, ten; No. 8, three; No. 11, five. Now a school numbering only from three to ten pupils. is too small to be interesting, or profitable. I think that either several of the districts should be united, or this Act adopted by the Town.

It is evident that our schools might be made very much more efficient, in the hands of a Board of Education, combining the powers of the Prudential and Superintending Committee, than under the present system. I trust that you will give this matter your careful consideration, and take such action as will best subserve the interests of education.

The want of uniformity in Text Books—by dividing the scholars into so many small classes, and thus compelling the teacher to hurry through the recitations—is a serious obstacle to success. I am aware that there is an impression among us, that we change Text Books too often, thus causing needless expense; but it is unreasonable to expect much advancement in a large school, where there are four or five different Text Books in a single branch of study.

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer school taught by Miss Ora A. Adams. This was her first school. Order excellent, with fair improvement. The scholars were mostly backward; but they were attentive, and the teacher was faithful and earnest. Winter term taught by Mrs. F. S. Spencer. I was not notified of the examination, but Mrs. Spencer reports—"That the habits of study were much more marked than last winter, and that they manifested particular interest in Reading and Spelling, and also, in the practical instructions, (outside their books,) which she gave them—problems and bills to make out." Her presence as teacher, is a sufficient guarantee of success in any school.



## DISTRICT NO. 3.

*Partly in Franklin.* Both terms taught by Miss Lucia K. Gile. The school-house is one of the best in town, well lighted, neat and attractive, and the school was in keeping with its surroundings; orderly, progressive, and thorough. Miss Gile says in her report:—"This school has been under our instruction for two years past, and we can cheerfully say, that both scholars and parents have striven with us in endeavoring to bring about the greatest amount of good, both intellectually, and morally."

When parents, teachers, and pupils unite their efforts, the greatest measure of success is assured.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer term taught by Miss Belle W. Gile. I was not present at the examination as it was a very stormy day. The school appeared well when I visited it. Winter term taught by Miss Maria L. Lane. I was very much pleased with the appearance of this school. The examination gave evidence of a high order of excellence in the teacher, as well as interest and industry on the part of the scholars.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer school taught by Miss Eliza A. Flanders, an experienced teacher, and "apt" to teach; and though she labored earnestly and faithfully for the best interests of the scholars, yet she failed to exercise that happy faculty of government so essential to the highest degree of success. Fall Term taught by Mrs. Lucy R. M. Cross. This is a large school and calls into exercise the highest order of ability to govern. At my last visit I did not find the order and advancement quite up to my expectations, considering the former high standing of Mrs. Cross as a teacher and disciplinarian.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Only one term, taught by Miss Belle W. Gile. A small school, but well managed; making excellent progress and a fine appearance at examination.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

Both terms taught by Miss Myra J. Ayers. This is a good school, containing some very good readers. Fair progress was made in all the branches of study, and the scholars understood well what they had been over.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

One term, taught by Miss S. Lysle Haines. There were but four scholars. Only three were present when I visited it, but their answers were as near perfect as at any school I ever visited. Miss Haines had evidently been faithful with the few, and I have no doubt would be successful with many.

No school in No. 9.

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

Taught by Miss Abbie L. Copp. Only six scholars; mostly small. Not enough to make it very interesting for either teacher or scholars. The teacher was faithful and fair progress was made.

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